

## REMARKS

### I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Restriction was required to one of the following two inventions:

Claims 19 to 31 (Group I), drawn to an agent for repairing, strengthening and straightening keratin material; **OR**

Claims 32 to 38 (Group II), drawn to a method for repairing, strengthening and straightening keratin material

### II. APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants' provisionally elect to continue prosecution with the method claims 32 to 38 (Group II).

This election is made without traversal.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549-4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

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